PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

ALBA THOMPSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, 11 LINCOLN STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 6:00 PM

6:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Selectmen will hold an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, and Paragraph 6; to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body.

- COBRA - Library
- Pinehills 200 Acres
- Plymouth Water Sports

7:24PM - CALL TO ORDER

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman
John Mahoney
Shelagh Joyce
Betty Cavacco

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Patrick Farah, Planning Staff

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, informed the public that the Board has been in Executive Session since 6:00pm and it ran a little late.

Chairman Tavares also wanted to acknowledge the passing of Edward Pacheco who worked for the Town of Plymouth for 24 years as a Building Inspector. He said that Mr. Pacheco was a gentle man with a great smile. He then asked for a moment of silence.

7:25PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Lydon came up and said that a few weeks ago it was brought to his attention that there was an article in the Old Colony Memorial saying there were plans for a skate rink at Stephen's Field and Full-Day Camp at Hedges Pond. He said he did a little research and there are no hard plans put into place yet which has caused a lot of confusion.

Cheryl Damiano came up next and said that she is on the newly appointed White Horse Beach Parking Committee and asked the Selectmen to please consider and implement their recommendations that they put together at the last meeting.

Tim Feely came up next and asked why the White Horse Beach Parking Committee was formed when there was already a Committee that had done a lot of work. He said the old Committee created a report and submitted it to the Board of Selectmen.

7:28PM – TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Tavares said that due to the time constraints they will come back to the Town Manager's Report at the end of the evening, but did want to let Betty Cavacco give an update from the White Horse Beach Parking Committee.

Betty Cavacco, Selectmen, gave a summary from the White Horse Beach Parking Committee's Meeting held on August 15, 2017 at Town Hall. She highlighted the recommendations that were made such as the following: Install signage, Limit parking to one side of Taylor Avenue, Add resident parking stickers, Add bike racks, and paint no-parking areas.

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, said she can meet with Betty Cavacco and discuss the process to proceed as well as talk about funding some of these items.

7:33PM – ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

Patrick Farah from the Planning Department came up and said the contract had been signed for Municipal Aggregation on July 25, 2017 and the rate was locked in at $0.10333 per kWh for 36 months. He said the current Eversource rate is $0.10759 per kWh. Mr. Farah said the difference might seem small but over time the savings will be noticeable. He added that besides the several meetings already held in the past, there will be an informational session held on September 5, 2017 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Council on Aging.

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, asked Mr. Farah if there would be a presentation on September 5th that PACtv could cover, to which Mr. Farah said no, there will be staff there to answer any questions as they arise.

Shelagh Joyce, Selectman, thanked Patrick Farah and added that 9:30am to 3:00pm does not help the people that work fulltime and asked if there were any option to get information out to those people, to which Mr. Farah said that he would be sending out a mailing as well as posting to the website and social media.

Chairman Tavares wanted to reiterate that if a resident wanted to opt out they could do that, to which Mr. Farah said yes, at any time a person can opt out and opt back in if the rate goes down again.

Melissa Arrighi explained that this is a local option to purchase electricity and the Town followed the legal process, but anyone can choose not to participate. She also said that once we move into the New Town Hall, we will be open late on Tuesdays and suggested holding another informational meeting at that point.

7:41PM – HARBOR PLAN

David Gould, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs, came up and said they were here to present the Harbor Plan update. He thanked the Harbor Committee and the Sub-Committee for their part in putting this plan together. He also thanked Chad Hunter, Harbor Master, and Jack Wiggins from UMass Boston.

Len Blaney of the Harbor Committee came up and thanked the Board of Selectmen for letting them come in and present the plan tonight. Mr. Blaney then said they worked with Urban Harbors and local Committees to gather information on challenges that other communities are facing. He said they held several public meetings with Urban Harbor presentations and input from residents. Mr. Blaney said through this process they were able to look for, and find, common themes.

Jack Wiggins, Director of Urban Harbors, came up saying they worked with the Harbor Committee and Sub-Committee over the last year and a half on this Harbor Plan. Mr. Wiggins then went through the presentation and highlighted key aspects. He began by touching on the Harbor Plan and its process.

Harbor Planning Process:

- Establish a Harbor Plan Committee
- Determine the Planning Area Boundaries
- Engage Public Input in the Planning Process
- Identify Harbor Related Issues
- Inventory and Map Existing Conditions
- Propose Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations
- Determine Means of Implementation

Jack Wiggins then went over some of the Harbor Plan Recommendations such as:

- Dredging
- Transient Boating
- Moorings
- Public Access
- Fishing and Aquaculture (Recreational and Commercial)
- Natural Resources
- Water Quality
- Harbor Safety
- Climate Change
- Tourism and Education

Mr. Wiggins finished by giving the reasons why Plymouth needs a Harbor Plan:

- Document the Value of Marine-Dependent Activities
- Determine Capital Needs for Essential Coastal Infrastructure
- Anticipate Emerging Trends and Changing Demands
- Accommodate and Balance Multiple Use
- Engage Stakeholders in the Planning Process
- Identify Current and Potential Environmental Issues
- Improve Understanding and Appreciation of the Harbor
- Facilitate Coordination among Municipal, State and Federal Decision Making

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, said he has been to many of the meeting and they were very informative. He said this plan is a living document and very important to our resources. This plan has never, nor will it ever sit on a shelf. He then thanked Mr. Wiggins and said it was a pleasure watching this come to life.

Ken Tavares, Chairman, asked the Harbor Committee how they plan on maintaining this plan, to which Len Blaney said they formed a matrix of prioritized items. He said they haven't discussed how the matrix will be monitored as their time was spent getting to this point. He said their goal is to help the Town discover which recommendations are most feasible, and which are needed most. Mr. Blaney finished by saying they will define that area in the future and want to stay involved.

Chairman Tavares then asked about dredging and if that was a top priority. He said he feels it should be a priority with bringing back the Mayflower to the Harbor and with the 2020 celebrations approaching quickly.

David Gould said that dredging has been the most widespread topic discussed. He told the Board that they had funds secured for permitting and sampling, adding that it includes areas around the State Boat Ramp, T-Wharf, Town Wharf, and near the Mayflower. This will benefit both the Town of Plymouth and the State. Sampling has already begun and the next step will be permitting. Mr. Gould said the funding is in place but we still need to push our State Delegation to support dredging in Plymouth Harbor.

Chairman Tavares said that's where the Board of Selectmen can be helpful. We need to stay in contact with the State Delegation and push this through.

John Mahoney, Selectman, said he spoke to Congressman Keating and was told that he is trying to secure the fund for dredging. Selectman Mahoney asked Mr. Gould where the communication was coming from, to which David Gould said we have been working with Congressman Keating and he has been very instrumental. He said we keep his office updated and will remain in constant contact with him.

Selectman Mahoney then asked if Congressman Keating has given you any expectations as to the chances of landing 12 million dollars, to which Mr. Gould said we haven't talked about that yet. We are focusing on getting a strong application submitted. He added that the activities that we could see if we do get these dredging funds are amazing. Mr. Gould also said that Congressman Keating

Betty Cavacco, Selectman, asked if the Harbor Committee could work with some non-profits to try and raise some money, saying maybe there are people willing to donate to the dredging project, to which David Gould said that's not something we've talked about but maybe they could in the future.

Shelagh Joyce, Selectman, said she saw a show on television and it was about oyster farming adding that Plymouth got some good press during the show so this is exciting.

Chairman Tavares thanked everyone that worked on the Harbor Plan and reiterated that this Plan cannot be put on a shelf and forgotten bout.

8:12PM – SIDEWALK PROPOSAL

Russ Appleyard came up and introduced himself as the Chairman of the West Plymouth Steering Committee. He thanked the Board of Selectmen for inviting him in tonight to present his Sidewalk Proposal.

Russ Appleyard began by talking about the dangerous safety issue that exists on Route 80 in West Plymouth, specifically around the area of West Plymouth Elementary School. He went on to say that the most prevalent dangers are poor visibility and the lack of walking room between the highway barrier and the road surface. Mr. Appleyard added that during the winter months when snow has been plowed onto the shoulder of the road, walking is impossible. He then said the proposed sidewalk would begin on the north side of Route 80 between Village West Trail and Megansett Drive and go west to the lights at Commerce Way with a crosswalk. From there the proposed sidewalk would run west but move to the south side of Route 80 which is the same side as the West Elementary School and run approximately .8 miles and end at Sacred Heart School. Mr. Appleyard went on to say that since Route 80 is a State highway, DPW would need to apply to MassDOT for this project. He finished by saying the West Plymouth Steering Committee is unanimously in support of this project and the Planning Board voted unanimously to send a letter of support. He said they also seek the support of the Selectmen, as well as Vinny deMacedo, Representative Calter and Representative Muratore.

Chairman Tavares thanked Russ Appleyard for his hard work and stressed that Route 80 is a very dangerous road to walk on and that something needs to be done. He said this seems like a sensible and realistic approach. Chairman Tavares then said that he recommends that the Board send a letter of support and also to reach out to our State delegation.

Selectman Joyce asked if we had numbers that showed the increase in traffic since the recent development in the area, to which Mr. Appleyard said he would talk to JB and try to get those numbers. He also said they would be proposing a sidewalk on Carver Road in light of two children being hit by cars this year.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board voted to send a letter of support to DPW and to convey their support of the proposed sidewalk along Route 80 to the State delegation. Voted *5/0*

8:24PM - RECESS

8:30PM – ARTICLES 31 AND 32

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning, came up asking the Board of Selectmen for guidance as he prepares to move forward regarding the new marijuana laws. He then went over his PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Hartmann began by going over the different commercial zoning districts as the following: General Commercial, Arterial Commercial, Downtown-Harbor, Highway Commercial, Mixed Commerce, Waterfront, Waterfront-Industrial, Neighborhood Commercial, Transitional Commercial, Light Industrial and Airport.

Mr. Hartmann then went over some of the potential restrictions such as Location and Review, Allowed Use, Special Permits, Total Number of Facilities, Hours of Operation and Fines. The presentation then broke down the Commercial locations within the Town of Plymouth and their uses. He then talked about the buffer zone to be placed around recreational marijuana facilities which are proposed at 2000 feet. Mr. Hartmann finished by saying the final steps are approving the language with Town Counsel, holding a Planning Board Public Hearing on September 11, 2017, report to the Board of Selectmen on September 19, 2017 and finally presenting it to the Advisory and Finance Committee on September 20, 2017.

John Mahoney, Selectman, said that using Light Industrial makes sense but asked if there was Light Industrial Zoning in Cordage Park, to which Mr. Hartmann said no, that is Light Industrial Waterfront. Selectman Mahoney thanked him and said this is a great start.

8:42PM - LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

LICENSES

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Pathways to Healing** for a Medium Event being held on August 31, 2017 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day All Alcohol License for **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration**, 10 Cordage Park Circle for a Reception being held on November 17, 2017 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day All Alcohol License for **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration**, 10 Cordage Park Circle for a Concert being held on November 18, 2017 from 5:30pm to 10:30pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day All Alcohol License for **Jacqueline Knoblock**, 63 Virginia Road, Quincy, for a Wedding Reception being held on September 16, 2017 from 4:00pm to 10:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved One Pole Petition 2060690 for **Eversource Energy** and **Verizon** covering the relocation of eight (8) poles on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. These pole relocations are necessary to accommodate AD Makepeace as required by the Town of Plymouth. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board reaffirmed their vote taken on August 11, 2017 approving a One Day Wine and Malt License for the **Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce** for the Waterfront Festival being held on August 26, 2017 on the Lawn at the bottom of Spring Lane. *Voted 5/0*

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board approved the Open Meeting Minutes from the **June 13, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board approved the Open Meeting Minutes from the **July 25, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board authorized Chairman Tavares to execute a Compliance Certificate for the sale of the **Local Initiative Program** Property located at 15 Hat Trick Drive, Plymouth, MA. Voted 5/0

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board reappointed Cindi Walsh-Hamlin to the **1749 Court House Committee**. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board authorized Chairman Tavares to execute a Grant Assurance for the **Airport Taxi-Way D** Extension Project. Voted 5/0

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board appointed Jeanette Kelly to the **Manomet Steering Committee**. Voted 5/0

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board appointed Pamela L. Borgatti as the custodian of tax possession property located at **23 Jocelyn Avenue** in order to hold a public auction. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board appointed Pamela L. Borgatti as the custodian of tax possession property located at **217 Roxy Cahoon Road** in order to hold a public auction. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board voted to recommend **Article 20** for the 2017 Fall Town Meeting. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Shelagh Joyce and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board voted to recommend **Article 21** for the 2017 Fall Town Meeting. Voted 5/0

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board voted to recommend **Article 25** for the 2017 Fall Town Meeting. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved and executed a License Agreement with **Margaret McClenahan-Schneider** for the construction of a Private Foot-Bridge over Eel River that will span onto Town owned land at Plymouth Beach identified as Parcel ID 039-000-010A-002. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved and executed a Temporary License Agreement with **NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Global Montello Group Corporation** for the use of a portion of town-owned property located at 20 Long Pond Road identified as Lot 2-1A on Assessor's Map 183 for the installation of electric transmission equipment that will service property at 22 Long Pond Road identified as Lot 2G on Assessor's Map 183. Voted 5/0

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Shelagh Joyce, the Board approved the Paving of the Gravel Section of **Billington Sea Road** as recommended by the Plymouth Engineering Department. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved authorizing Chairman Tavares to execute a Local Initiative Program Application for Habitat for Humanity for two **Affordable Housing Units** located on Long Pond Road. Voted 5/0

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board reaffirmed their vote taken on August 11, 2017 to Vacate the Foreclosure at **297 Court Street** also known as Lot 12-D, Plat 7 once the Town is made whole again on property taxes as determined by the Treasurer. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board reaffirmed their vote taken on August 11, 2017 to Adopt an Order of Taking Permanent and Temporary Easements in land abutting **Taylor Avenue** for roadway reconstruction as more specifically set forth in the order, and to award damages in accordance with said order to affected property owners in the amount established by appraisal and set forth on the schedule of owners with said order. *Voted 5/0*

9:01PM - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

None

9:02PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Tavares wanted to talk about his trip to Japan which Selectman Joyce also went on. He said he could talk for hours about how amazing it was, but stressed that it was a life-changing experience for the school children that also came on the trip to Shichigahama. Mr. Tavares said the Mayor, the Council, and the Citizens love the Town of Plymouth. We were welcomed warmly no matter where we went, and we left with a lot of new friendships.

Shelagh Joyce also said she truly enjoyed the trip. She said that the events were organized efficiently and the whole trip ran like clockwork. She went on to say everyone was so polite; they even took bags out of our hands and carried them for us. Selectman Joyce said early in the week she was talking to an elected official and mentioned that she liked the Boy Scout scarfs, and at the farewell dinner he came up to me with a scarf as a gift. She said we were treated like kings and queens and we have our work cut out for us when they come to visit Plymouth next year.

Chairman Tavares added that traveling halfway around the world, the thing that impressed him most was that they have never forgotten our support after the tsunami hit. He said the amazing thing was that you would never know the tsunami hit. They've done a great job rebuilding. Chairman Tavares also said their friendship with Plymouth is so strong that they have added English to their school's curriculum. Everyone left with new friendships and an appreciation for their culture.

9:14PM - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 9:14pm. *Voted 5/0*
By Roll Call: Tavares-Yes, Provenzano-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Joyce-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

Recorded by: Christopher Badot
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